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## **Westly Leads Action Against Sudan Genocide**

**SACRAMENTO --** Controller Steve Westly today led CalPERS to call on President Bush to increase the American effort to address the genocide in Sudan. He also helped lead CalPERS to use its \$200 billion of clout to push three firms to rid themselves of their dealings in Sudan.

“I want to make sure California’s investments have absolutely no link to the genocide in Sudan,” Westly said. “California can make a difference, and I’m going to make sure we do. But President Bush must increase his efforts if the killings are going to stop.”

Violence in Sudan since 2003 has killed as many as 300,000 people and has driven 2 million from their homes.

CalPERS is urging Alcatel, ABB and Siemens to eliminate their operations or investments in Sudan. All are doing business with Sudan’s government or government-held companies. In 2004, the United States government accused Sudan’s government of carrying out genocide.

CalPERS is also calling on President Bush to ensure the federal government provides investors and firms with accurate information about the situation in Sudan.

The California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) is the nation’s largest pension fund.

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